

APPROVED: Meeting No. 38-85

ATTEST:

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

MEETING NO. 32-85

May 27, 1985

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in work session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, May 27, 1985, at 9:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Viola D. Hovsepian

Councilman Steve Abrams

Councilman Douglas Duncan

Councilman Peter Hartogensis

Councilman John Tyner, II

The Mayor in the chair.

In attendance: City Manager Larry Blick

Re: Work Session

BUDGET CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

Below are those items considered for possible inclusion in the FY 1986 budget as changes to the City Manager's proposed budget. The disposition on each item is noted.

HVAC System for Mayor and Council Chambers

This project will be a CIP project in FY 1986 and has no effect on the FY 1986 operating budget. The cost of the project will be \$25,000 and will be reflected in the capital projects appropriation.

Frail Elderly Outreach and Service Delivery (\$6,240)

These funds will support a part-time outreach worker to identify seniors in need of assistance who currently do not receive aid. An additional \$5,000 will be appropriated from the Community Development Fund for delivering services to seniors. The service delivery component may be handled as a contract.

Additional Secretarial Support

Animal Control (\$9,983) - One-half of an additional secretarial position will be added to the Animal Control function. This amount will cover one-half of a Secretary II position plus benefits.

Neighborhood and Youth Problems

No additional funds will be included in the FY 1986 budget specifically to deal with these problems. However, the Mayor and Council intend to use Targets of Opportunity funds to pay for specialized intervention assistance as needed.

Archives (\$5,000)

The City will spend \$5,000 in the first half of FY 1986 to assess the historic value and scope of documents in City Hall. At the conclusion of the project, a decision will be made about joining the County in the establishment of an archives. A report on the results of the assessment will be provided to the Mayor and Council at mid-year.

Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (\$32,000)

\$32,000 in General Fund monies and \$8,000 from the Emergency Assistance Fund (total \$40,000) will be available for disbursement in FY 1986 on the City's behalf by United Church Center for Community Ministries. During the discussion the Mayor and Council made the following points:

- o the City needs to determine to what extent it intends to provide social services,
- o the County should be asked to increase its level of social services to Rockville residents, and if possible, to take over the REAP program, and
- o funding in future years will be dependent upon resolution of the questions on the City and County roles with regard to the needy.

Police Staffing (\$52,058)

The Mayor and Council have budgeted for the cost of an additional two patrol officers. If current staff configurations make it possible to hire a civilian for those functions not requiring sworn officers, that option should be chosen. The Mayor and Council want to be advised of the decision and reasons after the feasibility of a civilian position has been examined.

Redgate Debt Service (\$20,970)

As a result of the Redgate Revenue Fund assets being transferred to the General Fund, the debt service on the Redgate Golf Course will be assumed by the General Fund. The effect in FY 1986 will be to increase the expenditures of the General Fund by \$20,970, and reduce the expenditures of the Municipal Golf Fund by the amount of the debt service (\$70,407). The increase in General Fund expense in FY 1986 will be less than the amount of the debt service since the

General Fund budget already included a contribution to the Golf Course Fund to cover part of the cost of operations. With the shift in the expense to the General Fund, this contribution will no longer be needed. In the future, interest in the General Fund earned by the assets of the former Revenue Fund will accrue to the Municipal Golf program and the debt will also be a cost of that program category.

MML/MCML Dues (\$1,000)

Due to increases in the cost of dues, \$1,000 additional will be appropriated.

Master Plan Update (\$52,700)

The Planning Department will receive an extra planner and secretary for the express purpose of updating the Master Plan. The \$52,700 budgeted also includes the purchase of a microcomputer. These positions are not intended as permanent increases to the Planning staff. The time frame for completion of the update is one year.

Waterslide (-\$45,000)

The waterslide proposed for the Municipal Swim Center will not be funded in FY 1986 but will be considered again for FY 1987. This reduces expenses by \$45,000 in both the General Fund and Swim Center Fund since the General Fund was to provide a loan to the Swim Center to cover the expense.

Basketball Courts (-\$28,000)

The removal of duplication between the Operating Budget and the CIP results in a \$28,000 reduction in General Fund expenses.

Sediment Removal (\$30,000)

\$30,000 has been shifted from the Capital Projects budget to the General Fund budget for sediment removal near Ritchie Parkway because this is a maintenance project.

Rockville Day Attractions (\$1,685)

Two additional activity areas for Rockville Day will be built at a cost of \$1,685.

A Children's Place (\$10,000)

The City will contribute to the establishment of A Children's Place, a County supported child care center to be located in the Hungerford - Park School.

Senior Center Street Light

A street light at the entrance to the Senior Center driveway will be installed with the cost to be absorbed within the FY 1986 budget.

Beall Dawson House: Roof Repairs

\$3,300 in Community Development Fund monies will be used to repair the roof at the Beall Dawson House.

Consultant (\$1,000)

A consultant will be hired to review the pedestrian and vehicular bridge feasibility studies with the residents of Lincoln Park. This addition will be reflected in the Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning program category.

Rockville Housing Authority (\$27,500 additional)

In total, the City will be supporting \$62,500 in activities by RHA. The General Fund will be funding \$37,500 in activities related to the settlement of the class action suit. Interest from the Housing Fund (\$7,500), a fund established with contributions by the Artery Corporation as a part of the Summit Apartments redevelopment project, will be used to pay half the cost of establishing a Satellite Housing Information Center. Maintenance activities at RHA operated housing developments and the balance of the cost of the Housing Information Center will be appropriated in the Community Development Fund (\$17,500). The \$10,000 for maintenance had been included in the General Fund budget but will now be appropriated in the Community Development Fund. The General Fund will reflect revenues of \$26,000 as a one-time payment in lieu of taxes.

Advisory Commission on Public Education (\$10,000)

\$10,000 has been included for the Commission's use with the understanding that any major expenditures will receive prior approval of the Mayor and Council.

Human Rights Commission

The \$2,375 included in the proposed budget will remain unchanged. It is understood that \$1,200 is included for the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration, and \$1,175 for the Human Rights Awards, fair housing survey, and other activities. The Mayor and Council indicated a willingness at a later date to consider a survey of services available to minority populations if the Commission prepares a more detailed proposal.

Historic Preservation Project (\$8,000 additional)

\$8,000 was added for the Historic Preservation Action Program and indicated they would pursue with the City's State delegates the additional matching funds originally promised by the State. The total appropriation for the project in FY 1986 will be \$32,000 with \$12,000 anticipated in State grant funds.

Path - Rockville Senior Center

An additional \$1,000 was added to the Rockville Senior Center Improvements CIP project for additional work on the path at the Senior Center.

Beall Dawson Property Acquisition

\$9,000 has been added to the CIP to allow for the purchase of land adjacent to the Beall Dawson property.

Improvements to Broome Concession Stand

The Mayor and Council did not add additional funds to upgrade the planned concession stand at Broome Athletic Field.

Theater Improvements

An additional \$50,000 is included in the FY 1986 CIP for the construction of the catwalk at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. The total appropriation for Theatre improvements in FY 1986 will be \$150,000.

SUMMARY

Total Changes in the General Fund	\$195,136		
Housing Fund Appropriation	7,500		
Emergency Assistance Fund	40,000	(\$ 8,000	Fund Balance
		\$32,000	General Fund)
Changes in the Community Development Fund	25,800		
Net Additions to the CIP	55,000		
Changes in Municipal Swim Center Fund	(-45,000)		
Changes in Municipal Golf Course Fund	(-70,407)		

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in work session, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m., to convene again in general session on Monday, June 3, 1985, at 8:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.